

## **BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS**

**The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held Tuesday, June 28, 2011; meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Norman Blank, Robert Miner, Brian Remy, James Sousa, Christopher Stanley, Scott Little, and Nancy Hayes.**

**Minutes of previous meeting read. B. Remy made motion, with second by S. Little, to accept as submitted; motion unanimously passed.**

### **Correspondence:**

**„« Individual company correspondence distributed.**

### **Old Business:**

**„« Bristol July 4th Parade ¡V Eng. 6 to be at Pappasquash. Chief informed J. Sousa he has issued burn permits for bonfire for July 3rd in Touisset; he will ride by to check conditions if J. Sousa not available.**

**Tower I will have a float in the parade.**

**„« Hose Testing ¡V Chief reminded all companies testing is due.**

**„« Chief distributed officers list, requesting he be provided with e-mail addresses.**

**„« Flu Shots ¡V Chief needs list by August of individuals wanting flu shot in September. Chief asked N. Hayes to be sure to get the information to all rescue members since they are in contact with so**

many.

„« Not all updated company membership lists submitted; these are required to be provided under state law.

„« July 4th Details ¡V Chief has chosen individuals to do. Rescue will be from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; night duty crew will pick up from there.

„« Quahog Festival Details ¡V Chief has list of individuals from fire side interested in doing detail; he asked N. Hayes to give him the list of rescue members who are interested.

### **New Business:**

„« Updated Emergency Access Box Listing for apparatus distributed.

„« Pump Tests ¡V Not much done yet on this. N. Massed working on getting a special control box for the pump. B. Remy said due to potential problems, they might want to switch to regular 225. Old system would need to be pulled out; cost would be apprx. \$1,500. Chief said he wants to complete pump tests before cold months; if not, we will lose our insurance rating. Someone needs to contact Chief about it.

Chief said if he needs to have testing done by E-One the cost will be about \$8,000. B. Remy to have some contact Chief.

„« 2010/2011 Fuel Slips & Incident Sheets ¡V Need these to close out records for that fiscal year. Please have them no later than next Board meeting.

„« Designating Tracy Wazecha a Fire Department member. This would allow her coverage under VFIS should anything happen to her while involved in department matters during her own time. R. Miner

made a motion, with second by N. Blank, to make her an over-all member of the fire department. Motion unanimously carried.

„« Speed of Apparatus ¶ Chief reminded everyone that speed limits are to be adhered to when responding to calls. Chief said he does not want to hear from any station members, ¶§Lets hurry up so we can beat them to the call.¶” Any location in Warren, with the exception of Touisset, is accessible within 3-4 minutes.

„« Mutual Aid ¶ Chief said following our mutual aid to Woonsocket, they sent a letter thanking Warren¶'s Eng. 1 and Tower for their assistance, and asking what the cost was. J. Sousa said it was in the news Woonsocket is submitted the costs to the insurance company; Chief stated he has a problem with that; he is not submitting a bill to Woonsocket. He feels fire protection should not be billed under these circumstances. Due to availability of response in town during the day, the Chief would like to make Eng. 1 the mutual aid truck going out the door right away, then Eng. 5 since they are in East Warren, are fairly dependable during the day, and have the jaws on the truck should they be needed. Eng. 3 would be toned out to be placed on standby at the station. A minimum of three (3) personnel per truck is the requirement for responding mutual aid. N. Blank questioned whether, if Hazards also needed for mutual aid, would that leave no set of jaws in town. Chief stated there is a set on Tower 1. If the mutual aid town needs air supply, it is also on Tower 1, so Hazards wouldn¶t need to respond. Chief stated nobody is to respond in their private vehicle, with the exception of Assistant Chiefs and company captains. Chief said he would consider allowing personal vehicle

**response only for Bristol or Swansea.**

**„« Kickemuit River Council is looking for seafood recipes for a cookbook they are putting together. They want to know if any fire department personnel has one to submit, they should contact L. Formica.**

**„« Chief advised everyone 22 Shell Rd. address changing to 1A North St. due to no access via Shell Rd.**

**„« St. Mary's Church in Bristol has a float entered in the July 4th parade; they will be using Warren's Hero on it, plus some additional equipment. Tower 1 still entering a float; Chief said any personnel wishing to march with them is welcome.**

#### **Station Reports:**

**„« Chief spoke with C. Blank; he said door is in for Sta. 2.**

**„« Chief has someone to check on the bricks at Sta. 5.**

**„« Headquarters roof still leaking, and the air conditioners not yet fixed.**

**„« Chief advised N. Hayes any individual doing ride along time does not get to choose who they want to ride with. They are to contact the Chief; he will have the individual contact a rescue officer. Chief stated if this continues to be a problem, he will stop EMS class attendees from doing ride along time in Warren. Chief also stated the solicitor does not feel it would be appropriate to have a company conduct fundraisers for rescue website on-line. It is his feeling should there be a problem, especially with credit cards, the liability could fall back on the town. Solicitor does not think sending letters**

requesting a donation would be a problem.

**Training:**

„« Chief has Waiver of Liability forms to be signed by anyone participating in a training who is not a Warren Fire Dept. member or for training conducted in town for an outside party, i.e. Brown University.

„« Chief received notification from Portsmouth chief that the old Sea Fare restaurant is being torn down. It can be used for training such as breaching walls and floors, roof operations, and interior operations. Let Chief know if anyone is interested in training there.

There being no further business to discuss, B. Remy made motion, with second by N. Blank, to adjourn Motion unanimously passed; meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.